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Improved Communication from Cairo

A statistical study of texts transmitted from Cairo to Washington over a three day period has recently been completed and compared with a similar analysis made approximately two months previously. It shows that the average lapse between the time an item is broadcast and the time its translation is received here in Washington has been reduced from 15 hours 18 minutes to 11 hours 36 minutes. Further analysis shows that this saving is only partially due to the installation of the teletype link between the FBIS and the Cable & Wireless Cairo offices, the balance resulting from increased speed and effort on the part of the Mediterranean Bureau.

The Mediterranean Bureau is commended, and it is hoped that this improved effort level will be maintained and that opportunities for further reduction of the time differential will be exploited.

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